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Mail Stop Petition  
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re: U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER: 10/680830  
FILING DATE: 07OCT03  
NAME OF APPLICANT: Timothy Raymond Cronin  
TITLE OF INVENTION: Certified protection from subliminal content for recordings.

Dear Sirs:

Please vet my patent application: I still hope to be issued a patent with regard to that application. The last time I heard from the USPTO was on 21JUN07 when I received a refund check. See attached copy of NOTICE TO CHECK RECIPIENT. That NOTICE contained the hopeful note "ORIGINAL APPLICATION WAS FOUND."

I wrote a letter to the USPTO dated September 5, 2005 (I put the wrong filing date on that letter, but I contacted the USPTO later to correct that mistake). And in that letter, dated September 5, 2005, I asked the USPTO to fix problems which had arisen in the processing of my utility patent application.

When I wrote that letter I did not realize multi-year processing times were common. Consequently in that letter I requested recompense because of delays which I thought were unusual. Specifically I asked for the issuance fee to be waived if possible. But if that request will delay processing of my application, then please disregard that request. My goal for my application remains to obtain a patent as soon as possible.

Finally, toward the end of that letter, dated 05SEP05, (on page three) I used the figure of speech "idea which I'm trying to get patented." And on page four "patent granted for my idea."

Idea can mean "method." But using method alone seemed to require subsequent explanation. Essentially a reiteration verbatim of the BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION from my application's Specification. Doing so would have been

distracting, and would have made that letter verbose. I paused when writing the word idea (on p. 3) the first time, and tried to think of alternatives. For example "the thing which... patented" seemed to imply more a physical object than a method. And "that which I'm trying to get patented" seemed too vague. So since one obviously cannot patent an idea, my use of "idea" seemed self-evidently to be a safe figure of speech to use to keep the letter readable.

Then too, that figure of speech seemed to ring true on a level resonating with the concept of intellectual property. A sort of valid allegory since the essence of any invention is its information content innate for instance to a particular design. And information conceptually is relational. That is (again only for example) a design has meaning only in relation to a culture and; consequently, to one or more parts of that culture's inherent technologies.

I hope that this letter clears up the issues of recompense and my use of "idea" which may have been raised by my letter to the USPTO dated 05SEP05. And which might be impeding the processing of my patent application. Thank you for considering this matter.

Sincerely,



Timothy Raymond Cronin



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